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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON HIS CONVERSATIONS IN NEW YORK

1. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL, UPON HIS RETURN TO TURKEY SEPTEMBER 28, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT. AMONG THE TOPICS HE DISCUSSED WERE HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND HIS CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NEW YORK CONCERNING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, CAGLAYANGIL SAID: QUOTE DR. KISSINER SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND HE WERE VERY HOPEFUL THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED AND THAT THEY HAD WORKED VERY HARD FOR THIS.....I TOLD HIM THAT SUCH A DECISION WOULD BE OF GREATER BENEFIT TO THE U.S., NATO AND GREECE THAN TO TURKEY. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT EVEN IF THE EMBARGO WERE LIFTED, TURKISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION WOULD NEED TO BE APPROACHED

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IN A NEW SPIRIT AND TIED TO NEW PRINCIPLES. WE AGREED THAT HIS

WOULD BE THE TOPIC OF THE THE TALKS ALREADY AGREED ON BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE U.S. ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, KISSINGER CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY".

2. WITH RESPECT TO HIS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CYPRUS WITH OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS, CAGLAYANGIL SAID "MY IMPRESSIONS FROM THESE CONTACTS IS THAT MANY COUNTRIES ARE DISTURBED THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION IS COMING TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGAIN. THEY BELIEVE THAT FRESH DEBATES IN THE UN WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION OF THE MATTER BUT ON THE CONTRARY COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. I CAN ALSO SAY THAT I OBSERVED WITH SATISFACTION THAT OUR VIEWS ABOUT SOLVING THE CYPRUS PORBLEM WITH THE FORMATION OF A BIZONAL FEDERATION HAVING EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE

COMMUNITIEIS IN A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OF LIMITED POWER ARE SHARED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, ALL THE COUNTRIES WHICH FIND OUR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE ISLAND JUSTIFIED HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY BELIEVE REASONABLE GEOGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY TURKEY IN ORDER TO ANSWER THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF BOTH COUNTRIES".

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